

Situation Name:**2022 01 28 – Public Safety – Planned Truck Demonstration – Ottawa****EOC Operations Group Command and General Staff Meeting****2022 02 13 / 17:30 hours****Agenda**

1. Welcome / Roll Call
2. Situation Update
3. Section Updates
4. Roundtable
5. Next Steps / Adjourn

Roll Call	
Department / Service	Name
EOC Ops Group Commander	Beth Gooding
Council Liaison	Melanie Campbell-Priddle, Charlotte Logan
Emergency Information Officer	Andrea Lanthier-Seymour
Information Assistant	Heidi-Lee Fowers
EOC Liaison	NCRCC: Kelly Cochrane PEOC: Grant Murphy
Health and Human Needs Branch	Melissa Lavery, Chrissy May
Public Safety Branch	Jason Staniforth
Planning Section	Dan Bissonnette, Paola Parenti

NCRCC = National Capital Region Command Centre

PEOC = Provincial Emergency Operations Centre

1. Welcome / Roll Call (B. Gooding / P. Parenti)

- The meeting was called to order at 17:30 hours.
- P. Parenti conducted roll call.
- B. Gooding: Announcement made earlier this afternoon that the Mayor and Freedom Convoy 2022 reached an agreement in an attempt for trucks to leave residential areas. Discussions occurring with City officials, Police and convoy organizers regarding negotiations and details in terms of how this exit might occur over the next couple of days. Information will be shared when it becomes available.

2. Situation Update

- K. Cochrane: Discussions occurring at the NCRCC, in particular with Traffic Services, regarding operational plans for the truck exits from residential areas. It is unclear at this time which groups are willing to go. Jersey barrier removal will be required to facilitate trucks exiting those areas.
 - Today was a stable day, with the exception of the counter-protestors at Riverside and Bank, which is now starting to clear. At it's peak, there were approximately 1,000 demonstrators. No major concerns were reported.
 - The Metcalfe off-ramp was closed due to demonstrations at 474 Elgin; working to re-open. Of note: the off-ramp was re-opened during this meeting (noted by K. Cochrane in the Teams chat).
 - There currently is no intel regarding timing of events for tomorrow.
 - Live stream videos continue suggestions targeting law enforcement officers.
 - There are currently 15 people on Parliament Hill, and a couple of hundred in the streets.
 - The House is sitting tomorrow. The Senate starts sitting on Tuesday.

- B. Gooding: Questioned if there had been any reactions observed towards the agreement (by protestors).
 - K. Cochrane: There has not been any intel in that regard as of yet. The protestors downtown are in a party atmosphere, and are confrontational only when approached by Police.
- B. Gooding: Noted that she was approached by the City of Toronto Office of Emergency Management who were advised that the City's EOC is functioning well with the requisite expertise in-house.

3. Section Updates

- J. Staniforth: The proposed bus detours around the downtown area were scheduled to start tomorrow, but that may be postponed to Tuesday.
 - ServiceOntario will remain closed tomorrow.
- C. May: Meeting held earlier today regarding service impacts; attendees included Community and Social Services, Ottawa Public Health and the Ottawa Public Library. S. Roberts (Ottawa Police) was in attendance to provide information regarding the current situation, and recommendations regarding service delivery.
 - Library: Given the potential of the likelihood of branches being utilized for washrooms and warming, the decision was made to keep the Main and Rideau branches closed and continue to re-evaluate. Sunnyside will continue to operate.
 - Human Needs: St. Luke's and Pinocchio Childcare Centres will re-open tomorrow. If there is a potential need to change that posture, they will consult with Police.
 - Public Health: The University of Ottawa vaccine clinic will remain closed tomorrow, and continue to re-evaluate.
 - Paramedic Service: There were five calls in the perimeter zone today; none resulted in transport.
 - Hospitals: Currently stable. Monitoring impacts of the counter-protest at Riverside and Bank. Thanked Police and Traffic Services for providing regular updates.
 - Home and Community Care: Reports of home care staff living in the perimeter zone who are not comfortable leaving their homes due to safety concerns and walking to patient assignments; alternate plans required for high-risk patients.
 - There was a report from the evening shift where a worker was significantly delayed due to traffic; required reassignment of patients.
 - Staff were experiencing significant traffic delays today; some were re-routed to avoid protester / counter-protestor areas.
 - Noticeable fatigue observed in home-care staff, especially in the downtown core due to safety concerns and being worried about disruption of care to priority populations.
- B. Gooding: Is there still an extreme cold warning?
 - C. May: Yes, until tomorrow.
- H-L. Fowers: People calling are understandably upset; staff are managing; there were no concerns raised by staff.
- M. Campbell-Priddle: There were some enquiries received today; responses were provided.
- A. Lanthier-Seymour: Impacts PSA going out shortly. PSA being issued for re-scheduling of the Special Council Meeting to Tuesday at 14:00 hours.
- G. Murphy: Expressed thanks for information sharing earlier today, which was especially helpful for Ministry Emergency Management Coordinators.
 - Windsor situation has stabilized. Of note, 3.2 km of jersey barriers being installed by the Ministry of Transportation Ontario to fortify the crossing; that represents approximately 1k pieces.

4. Roundtable

- K. Cochrane: Mostly protestors remaining on Wellington, not members of the public; appears to be a Superbowl party atmosphere.
- B. Gooding: Does it appear that the exit planning is meant to be peaceful?
 - K. Cochrane: There currently are no plans for it be an enforcement-type leave.
- B. Gooding: Will provide more details when they become available. Roads and Traffic Services will need to be engaged, as well as the Paramedic Service.
 - K. Cochrane: Plans include ensuring the trucks don't move out of one zone and into another.
 - J. Staniforth: Roads Services have staff scheduled overnight and are prepared to assist when needed.

5. Next Steps

- P. Parenti: Reviewed the meeting schedule.

The meeting was adjourned at 17:56 hours.

Approved By: Beth Gooding

Position: EOC Operations Group Commander

Date and Time: